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TITLE: METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR CONTROLLING  
MICROMECHANICAL ELEMENT

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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified, enclosed patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend Claim 40 as rewritten below:

40. An arrangement according to claim 38, **characterized** in that the control electrodes are at least partly covered by a dielectric layer to prevent a galvanic contact between said control electrodes and the micromechanical element.